

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Janet Bonds

Serving Diaconate

Kallie Blakemore, Linda Browning, Deb Carpenter, Bob Frederickson
Bruce MacKenzie, Sue MacKenzie, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon
Donna Penn, Paul Penn, Bob Smith, Art Varvoutis, Barbara Wyrosdick

Communion Preparer

Molly Springfield

Sunday School Greeter

Jim Baxter

Worship Greeters

Jim & Beverly Baxter (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Moses
Sarah Ford (storyteller)
Jennifer Powell (greeter)

Nursery Volunteer

Kallie Blakemore

Rev. Troy Tatum
Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore
Associate Minister

Rev. John Allen Bankson
Music Director

David Brasher
Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Disciples  of Christ

"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



JULY 1, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

We're delighted you're here today, and we hope you'll find this to be a meaningful time of worship with a vibrant community of faith.

NEW HERE?

If today is your first time visiting at First Christian Church, please be sure to stop by the welcome table near the front doors so that we can give you a small gift to thank you for worshipping with us.

CONNECTION CARDS

We ask everyone to take a few moments during worship to fill out the Connection Card included in this bulletin. You may place your card in the offering when it is received.

WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

Children age 3K through fourth grade are encouraged to participate in Worship and Wonder, a special worship and education experience designed just for them. Young people may leave the service for Worship and Wonder following "A Time for Children." Of course, children of all ages are welcome to participate in morning worship, and childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the church nursery for all or part of the service. Worship bags with activity sheets, crayons, and children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you for investing your gifts in the mission and ministry of First Christian Church. Your act of worship through giving is appreciated. You can give in person by cash or check, or online by visiting www.fcc-bhm.org/give or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smart phone. You may also contact the church office to learn more about automated giving.



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VBS 2018

July 9-13

9:00am-12:00pm

Age 3 - completed 5th grade

Come join us as we experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace! You can register online at www.fcc-bhm.org or return a printed form to the church office today to register for Rolling River Rampage!

VBS Volunteer Training will be Sunday, July 8, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

Today, July 1

10:15 AM Morning Worship

Monday, July 2

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day - Office Closed

GET INVOLVED

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Disciples Sunday School Class invites you to join with us for a study of the Christmas story each Sunday in July, led by Janet Bonds in the fireside room. Too often, during the Christmas season, our minds are occupied with all the busy events we schedule, and we wanted to take a period of time to just concentrate on the story told in the Bible. We hope to see you there!

CARING & SHARING

For ALL ladies! Summer memories come alive through our Caring & Sharing Group summer activity! Grease Sing-A-Long @ Alabama Theater, Friday, July 6 @ 6:00 p.m. It's a blast! Popcorn for dinner. Tickets available through Ticketmaster. Questions - Please call Kathey Long (205) 823-0252.

OUTREACH MISSION MEETING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As we begin our next fiscal year, the Outreach Committee is holding its annual planning meeting on July 15, right after church in the Farkas room. Whether you have participated in Outreach in the past, have already committed to serve this coming year, or want to learn about how you can get involved with future Outreach projects, this is the meeting for you! A light lunch will be served. We have some exciting opportunities for service coming up, starting with a Service Day to benefit First Christian Church's preschool program, The Adventure Nook (TAN), on August 25. While more details will follow, please go to www.fcc-bhm.org to sign up for the TAN Service Day. We also have additional opportunities for service planned through Spring. Won't you join us on July 15 to learn how you can participate?

We Gather Before God

Prelude

Let Freedom Ring

arr. Knight

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Leader: This place for us is Holy Ground.

People: A place where we sing songs of praise and share stories of faith.

Leader: God calls us here today.

People: And we respond to Christ's love with out-stretched hands and open hearts.

Leader: God meets us in this place, inviting us to love what God loves.

People: And God sends us out to share peace, justice, and freedom with the whole world.

Leader: Let us worship with joy-filled hearts.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Praise

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Red Hymnal No. 725

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Prayer Response

Gloria Patri

Red Hymnal No. 35

**Glorry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

A Time for Children

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship & Wonder

Invitation to Present Gifts

Jim Langley

Offertory Music

America

arr. Brasher

*Doxology

Red Hymnal No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Jim Langley

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Carl Crosby

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

A Hymn of Joy we Sing

Red Hymnal No. 404

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Prayer of Communion

Janet Bonds

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This is the Lord's Table; all believers in Christ are invited. As the communion elements are passed, please partake of the bread and hold the cup so that we may share together after the congregational response.

Elder: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

Communion Music

Sanctuary

arr. Brasher

Elder: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

People: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture

Exodus 14:30-31, 15:20-21

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sacred Dance

Elegy

Balmorhea

Linnea Blakemore

Sermon

"The Other Side"

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Robin Blakemore

*Hymn of Discipleship

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Red Hymnal No. 633

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Robin Blakemore

*Congregational Response

My Tribute

Red Hymnal No. 39

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things you have done.
With his blood Christ has saved me;
with your power you have raised me;
to God be the glory for the things you have done.**

*Postlude

God Bless America

arr. Brasher

**All who are able please stand.*